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SUBJECT: SUPREME COURT REJECTS CHARGES AGAINST WALI KHAN

REF: ISLAMABAD 1519

1. THE SUPREME COURT FEBRUARY 25 DISMISSED THE SHOW CAUSE NOTICE ISSUED TO NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER KHAN ABDUL WALI KHAN. THE NOTICE (REFTEL) HAD BEEN ISSUED AT THE BEHEST OF SEVERAL LAWYERS WHO ALLEGED THAT WALI HAD INSULTED THE JUDICIARY DURING REMARKS HE MADE TO THE RAWALPINDI BAR ASSOCIATION. WALI ARGUED THAT HIS STATEMENTS WERE MADE AS A "PARTY WORKER," THAT HE IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY, AND THAT HE MEANT NO OFFENSE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION, AND THE COURT SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED THE CASE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE HEARING WAS WORTHY OF GILBERT AND SULLIVAN. WALI ENTERED THE COURT AND SOLEMNLY ANNOUNCED THAT INASMUCH AS HE HAD YET TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE CHARGES HE COULD
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HARDLY BE EXPECTED TO DEFEND HIMSELF. THE CHIEF JUSTICE SENT HIS MINIONS SCURRYING FOR A COPY OF THE CHARGES, WHICH WALI THEN READ BEFORE LAUNCHING INTO HIS PREPARED -- AND CONCILIATORY -- REBUTTAL.

3. BACK IN PESHAWAR AFTERWARDS, WALI REITERATED HIS SUPPORT OF THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION (MLA) AND THE "PROCESS OF

ACCOUNTABILITY" IN REMARKS TO THOSE GATHERED AT A RECEPTION IN
HIS HONOR. HE DESCRIBED THE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW AS "THE
RIGHT STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION" AND COMMENDED THE NOTION OF
MAKING POLITICIANS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR "MISDEEDS."
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